Rural electrification in U.P.

1960. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages in U.P. that are still to be electrified and the time by when they are likely to be electrified; and

(b) what are the factors which are hampering the growth of rural electrification?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER (SHRI ARUN NEHRU): (a) 49 239 villages remain to be electrified in Uttar Pradesh, as on 30-6-1985. Of these, 25.170 villages are programmed to be electrified during the Seventh Plan; the electrification programme for the remaining villages has not yet been finalised.

(b) Factors impeding the growth of rural electrification include lack of sub-transmission system, shortage of line materials, cost escalations and difficult terrain in hilly areas.

Modernisation and plant renovation programme of the Department of Power

1961. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Department of Power in his Ministry has finally cleared 33 stations including 160 units under its modernisation and plant renovation programme;

(b) what is the number of stations/units amongst them which are in Rajasthan with their particulars and the funds allocated for the purpose by the Centre; and

(c) when the modernisation programme is likely to begin?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER (SHRI ARUN NEHRU): (a) Under a Centrally sponsored scheme, 36 thermal stations having 156 units, have been approved for renovation and modernisation.

(b) No thermal station/unit in Rajasthan is included in the scheme. The units at Kota thermal station have been performing satisfactorily at a plant load factor of 62.1 per cent during April-July, 1985.

(c) Implementation of the Scheme began in 1984-85.

PROPOSED COACH FACTORY

1962. SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of State Government have suggested site for the location of the proposed Rs. 200 crores coach factory:

(b) if so, which are those States;

(c) what sites were suggested by these States; and

(d) what are the factors according to which decision in the subject was taken?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANSI LAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Names of the States and the sites suggested are as under:—

States	Sites suggested
Andhra Pradesh	Warangal
Assam	Kamrup
Bihar	Jamalpur Muzaffarpur
Gujarat	Dahod Rajkot Gandhinagar Vadodara
Haryana	Hissar Jind Kurukshetra

States	Sites suggested
Karnataka	Gulbarga
Kerala	Palghat
Madhya Pradesh	Raipur Sagar
Maharashtra	Nagpur Wardha
Orissa	Rourkela
Rajasthan	Bharatpur
Tamil Nadu	Salem Tiruchi
Uttar Pradesh	Deoria Gorakhpur
West Bengal	Durgapur Haldia Hoogly Siliguri

(d) Considering all the aspects, Government have decided to locate the New Coach Factory in Punjab.

Complaint against officer Commanding of N.C.C. Mainpuri

1963. SHRI SYED AHMAD HASHMI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a complaint from the accountant of 3 UP Battalion NCC Mainpuri has been received regarding misappropriation of funds and other irregularities committed by the Officer Commanding in the Annual Training Camp held in January 1985;

(b) if so, what are the details of the complaint and the remedial steps taken by Government;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the said accountant has been transferred from Manipuri to Saharanpur; and

(d) of the reply to part (c) above be in the affirmative, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) and (b) A complaint has been received from the Accountant of 3 UP Bn NCC; Mainpuri, alleging certain irregularities in the Annual Training Camp held in January 1985, which *inter-alia* relate to employment of Cooks and Helpers and purchase of rations and newar. An inquiry has been ordered in the matter and is pending.

(c) and (d) The Accountant has been involved in certain irregularities in his office work. His Integrity Certificate, which is an annual feature, has therefore been withheld. As per existing orders of the Government of Uttar Pradesh, a person whose integrity certificate is withheld, is required to be transferred outside the jurisdiction of the Reporting Officer. He has, therefore, been transferred from Mainpuri to Saharanpur.

Bridges on National Highways in Meghalaya

1964. SHRI JERLIE E. TARIANG: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state what amount has been sanctioned for widening, strengthening and providing bridges on the National Highways in Meghalaya?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI Z.R. ANSARI): A sum of Rs. 406.43 lakhs has been earmarked for widening, strengthening and providing bridges on the National Highways in Meghalaya during 1985-86.

National Highways in Orissa

1965. SHRI JAGDISH JAIN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the average length in kilometer per 100 sq. kilometers of National Highways in Orissa *vis-a-vis* in other States;

(b) whether Government have any proposal to declare some roads in Orissa as National Highways during the Seventh Five Year Plan period; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?